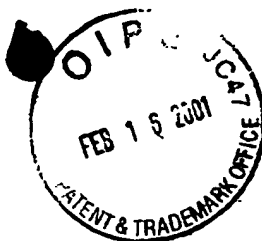


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In re Application of: )  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

The Japanese documents may be relevant for the reasons discussed on pages 1, 6, and 9 of the specification. An English language Abstract for each of the Japanese language patent documents is provided for the Examiner's convenience.

Additionally, U.S. Patent No. 5,896,403 is a counterpart of Japanese Patent Doc. 2,833,975, and U.S. Patent No. 5,652,626 is a counterpart of Japanese document 7-123244.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending U.S. Application:

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A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

#### FEE

Applicant submits that no fee is required for consideration of this information, because it is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date of the subject application.

#### CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with an indication that such information has been considered.

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